GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:749
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BRAHMAPUTRA BOARD
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No.801 dated December 06, 2004 and state:

(a) whether the proposal for the restoration and empowering of Brahmaputra Board for effective execution of mandated assignment on training and control of river in North Eastern Region (NER) has since been implemented;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to strengthen the man power and upgrade the Brahmaputra Board;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the implementation status of the master plan on erosion control of Majuli indicating it is annual allocation and utilization of funds, phase-wise and the progress made thereon so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) No. Sir. However, the proposal of 2004 for internal restructuring in Brahmaputra Board has been processed and is under various stages of implementation.

(c)&(d) No, Sir. At present, there is no proposal to strengthen the manpower and upgrade the Brahmaputra Board.

(e)On the basis of the Master Plan for Majuli Island, a Detailed Project Report (DPR) was prepared for Protection of Majuli Island from flood and erosion in three phases and approved. Phase I of the project for an estimated cost of Rs. 41.28 crores was taken up in February, 2005.

Earlier, a scheme for Protection of Majuli Island from flood and erosion (Immediate measure) was taken up in March, 2004 at an estimated cost of Rs. 6.22 crores and completed in March, 2005.

The annual allocation for all new schemes of Brahmaputra Board, which include Majuli, utilization of funds and expenditure on the two schemes for protection of Majuli Island are as under:-

(Rs. In crores)

Year	Annual Allocation	Utilisation of funds	Expenditure for the two schemes for protection of Majuli Islands	
2002-03	00.50	04.83	-	
2003-04	10.47	04.05	-	
2004-05	15.00	10.27	5.92	
2005-06	26.00	11.04	9.38	
2006-07	14.45	14.45	6.24	(upto Oct,2006) (Anticipated)